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Ex parte HUEI-MEI CHEN, CYNTHIA D. HONCHELL, and Y. Tom TANG

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 25, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We are unable to locate a complete copy of the Ausubel and Sambrook references relied upon by the Examiner on pages 3-5 of the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 18), mailed February 4, 2004, in the administrative file.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner to provide a complete copy of the missing references (Ausubel and Sambrook), and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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